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In re Application of  
William Yarbrough et al.  
Application No. 09/347,714  
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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 22, 2001, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

**The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed June 16, 2000, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on September 17, 2000.**

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1614, for further processing.

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